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SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILY CASE: DIMITRINA VURBANOVA

REF: SOFIA 2302

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED BULGARIAN PASSPORT FOR DIMITRINA VURBANOVA, WHO WAS DIVORCED IN 1948 FROM SPONSOR, CONSTANTIN SHOPOV. THIS CASE IS OF INTEREST TO SENATOR MOYNIHAN AND HAS SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL ASPECT SINCE SHOPOV WAS FORMERLY GOVERNOR OF PLEVEN DISTRICT AND MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE HE FLED BULGARIA AFTER ATTEMPTS ON HIS LIFE. ACCORDING TO SHOPOV, HIS WIFE WAS FORCED BY GOB TO DIVORCE HIM.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE ON FILE VISA PETITION FOR VURBANOVA. REQUEST DEPT CONTACT SHOPOV AT 508 9TH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TELEPHONE NUMBER 212-868-1039 TO DETERMINE STATUS OF HIS PETITION WITH INS, IF ANY. IF SHOPOV HAS NOT FILED PETITION, REQUEST DEPT ADVISE HIM TO FILE ASAP AND HAVE INS, NEW YORK, CABLE APPROVAL TO EMBASSY.

3. EMBASSY CONTACTED VURBANOVA ON NOVEMBER 23 AND ADVISED HER TO COLLECT BULGARIAN DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT K-1 VISA ISSUANCE.

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4. AT SAME TIME EMBASSY SENT REFTEL TO SENATOR MOYNIHAN (NOV. 10), WE FORWARDED LETTER TO MR. GREGORY C. MURASKIEWICZ, COMMUNITY WORKER, CHELSEA ACTION CENTER, 228-30 EIGHTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK (TELEPHONE 212-255-2873), WHO APPARENTLY IS ASSISTING SHOPOV. WE ADVISED SHOPOV TO DISCUSS CASE WITH INS. (NOTE: AT THAT TIME WE WERE NOT SURE THAT SHOPOVS WERE LEGALLY DIVORCED.)

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE MAY BE ASPECTS TO THIS CASE THAT WILL WARRANT ISSUANCE OF PRO FORMA B-2 VISA. VURBANOVA WAS ISSUED BULGARIAN PASSPORT VALID FOR ONLY ONE YEAR AND WE CANNOT PREDICT GOB PLEVEN DISTRICT PASSPORT OFFICE REACTION TO EMBASSY IMMIGRANT VISA AT VARIANCE WITH GOB APPROVAL FOR "VISIT" BY VURBANOVA TO STATES. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO DISCUSS SITUATION WITH VURBANOVA, HOWEVER, BEFORE RECOMMENDING COURSE OF ACTION ON VISA ISSUANCE.

6. AFTER VURBANOVA INFORMS US SHE HAS COLLECTED REQUIRED BULGARIAN DOCUMENTS AND EMBASSY IS ADVISED BY INS, NEW YORK OF PETITION APPROVAL, WE WILL INTERVIEW VURBANOVA AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE POSITION OF PLEVEN PASSPORT OFFICE ON HER TRAVEL. (NOTE: VARIABLE AND ARBITRARY APPROACHES TAKEN BY LOCAL PASSPORT OFFICES CANNOT BE PREDICTED BY EMBASSY. LOCAL PASSPORT AUTHORITIES REVIEW VISAS AND PASSPORTS BEFORE ISSUANCE OF EXIT PERMITS TO BULGARIAN CITIZENS. WE DO NOT WANT TO JEOPARDIZE VURBANOVA'S TRAVEL APPROVAL WITH ISSUANCE OF VISA INDICATING IMMIGRATION RATHER THAN "VISIT," UNLESS SHE IS TOLD BY PASSPORT AUTHORITIES THAT THEY FULLY UNDERSTAND SHE DOES NOT INTEND TO RETURN TO BULGARIA.)

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